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Applicant: Hidenobu HAMADA  
Serial No.: 10/071,617  
Filed: February 8, 2002  
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Examiner: unknown  
Group Art Unit: 2874  
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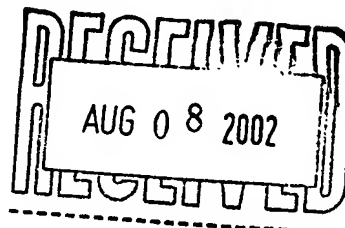
We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 9 References
- ☒ Other: Copy of Specification, claims and formal drawings for co-pending application Serial No. 10/116,502
- ☒ Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that they have commonly assigned co-pending application, Serial No. 10/116,502, filed April 3, 2002 and the references were cited in the afore-mentioned case. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98 (2) (iii), Applicant encloses the specification, claims and drawings for the co-pending matter.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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